

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4198

To declare the policy of the United States with regard to the constitutional requirement of a decennial census for purposes of the apportionment of Representatives in Congress among the several States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2000

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. POLICY.**

4 It is the policy of the United States that—

5 (1) the sole purpose of the decennial enumera-
6 tion of the population, under article I, section 2,
7 clause 3 of the Constitution and section 2 of the

1 14th article of amendment to the Constitution, is to
2 allow for the apportionment of Representatives in
3 Congress among the several States;

4 (2) the only information needed in order to
5 carry out that purpose are the names, ages, and the
6 number of individuals residing in a household, and
7 the address or location of such household; and

8 (3) the penalty for refusing or neglecting to an-
9 swer questions on a decennial census questionnaire
10 shall be imposed only in the case of individuals fail-
11 ing to provide the information described in para-
12 graph (2).

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